

SENATE WATCH

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THIRD READING

SB 1074 (George)

SB 1074 delete the "Mackinac Trail" designation on US 131 from the border to Kalkaska. [In February 2004, the Michigan Senate passed Senate Bill 241, which would amend the Michigan Memorial Highway Act to name portions of the I-94 and US-131 highways the "Underground Railroad Memorial Highway". US-131, however, already is designated as the "Mackinac Trail" from the border between Michigan and Indiana to the Straits of Mackinac.]

• SB 1074 was moved to 3rd Reading. No amendments.

HB 4308 (Garfield)

HB 4308 would: 1) Change the driver responsibility fee to \$400 (not \$600). 2) Provide that the court MAY reverse or alter decisions within 60 days of the passage of this bill, pertaining to no proof of insurance if the person had insurance at the time of the citation, and if the court alters the decision the state SHALL reimburse/waive the driver responsibility fee. 3) Allow the Dept. of State to retain and use digital signatures. 4) Expand the law to include the addition of points from citations issued in other states or substantially corresponding local ordinances and adds a local speed limit violation under the points assessable for driver responsibility fees.

- Committee 1 (S-2)was adopted [no RC].
- HB 4308 was moved to 3rd Reading.

HB 4707 (Voorhees)

HB 4707 would allow volunteers to issue citations to vehicles that have blocked a clearly identified access isle or access lane that is immediately adjacent to a handicap parking place.

• HB 4707 was moved to 3rd Reading. No amendments.

HB 5476 (DeRoche)

HB 5476 puts timelines in place for the suspension of a teaching certificate, as well as adds crimes to the list of those that subject a person to certificate revocation. A person who is convicted has five days to notify and the Superintendent then informs of the possible revocation. The teacher then has 15 days to ask for a hearing. If one is requested, a hearing and decision must be made within 90 working days. The bill adds indecent exposure and providing liquor to a minor as convictions that may cause loss of a license. Convictions that occurred prior to

the effective date of these new crimes would only be subject to suspension if the Superintendent finds that it relates to a person's present fitness.

- Committee 1 (S-1) was defeated [no RC].
- Amendment 2 (S-2) was adopted [no RC].
 HB 5476 was moved to 3rd Reading.